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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. JORDANIAN BOYCOTT OF GENEVA CONFERENCE UNLIKELY

A TELEGRAM FROM AMMAN RECEIVED NOVEMBER 27 BY THE JORDANIAN UN MISSION STATES THAT JORDAN HAS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE THE INVITATION TO ATTEND A PEACE CONFERENCE IN GENEVA, BUT IT "WILL NOT BE READY TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE IF ANY DECISION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN CREATING A PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE" OR "IF AT THE ALGIERS CONFERENCE, ANY ORGANIZATION IS RECOGNIZED AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE." HOWEVER, JORDANIAN JERUSALEM STRATEGIST TOUQAN INFORMED EMBASSY AMMAN NOVEMBER 28 THAT DESPITE THE DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE ALGIERS ACCREDITATION OF THE PLO AS THE SOLE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVE, IT WOULD BE SURPRISING IF THE JORDANIAN THREATS TO BOYCOTT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WERE ACTUALLY IMPLEMENTED. (SECRET) AMMAN 6336 AND USUN 5180, 11/28 (EXDIS).

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2. DANISH MINISTER ADVOCATES COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST ARABS

IN A BRUSSELS PRESS INTERVIEW PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 28,

DANISH FOREIGN ECONOMIC MINISTER NORGAARD REPORTEDLY THREATENED THE ARABS WITH ECONOMIC COUNTERMEASURES SHOULD OIL SHORTAGES FURTHER INCREASE HARDSHIPS IN THE COMMUNITY. HE FOUND IT "UNJUSTIFIABLE" THAT THE ARABS ARE MAKING OIL SUPPLIES CONDITIONAL ON THE RECIPIENTS' POLITICAL ATTITUDES AND SAID THE EC OFFER ON TRADE AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION TO A NUMBER OF MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OIL CRISIS. EMBASSY COPENHAGEN REPORTS THAT WHILE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY APPEARS EMBARRASSED BY THE INTERVIEW, THE DANES MAY TAKE A SIMILAR POSITION AT THE EC COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 3-4 WHEN THE MAGHREB AGREEMENTS COME UP FOR DISCUSSION. (LIMITED OFFICAL USE) COPENHAGEN 2984, 11/28.

3. ASEAN STATES CONDEMN ISRAEL

THE NOVEMBER 28 STRAITS TIMES CARRIED A REPORT DATED IN JAKARTA THAT INDONESIA, IN A STATEMENT SIGNED BY FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN), CONDEMNED ISRAEL FOR ITS CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES SEIZED DURING THE 1967 WAR. EMBASSY SINGAPORE HAS CONFIRMED THE REPORT'S ACCURACY. IT LEARNED THAT THAILAND AND MALAYSIA WERE RELUCTANT TO GO ALONG WITH THE STATEMENT, BUT SUCCEDED UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM INDONESIA WITH SINGAPORE FOLLOWING SUIT. THE INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR IN SINGAPORE CLAIMED THAT THE PHILIPPINES WAS PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PUSHING THE STATEMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) SINGAPORE 4595, 11/29.

4. INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY COMMENTS ON BREZHNEV VISIT

INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY SINGH INFORMED AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN NOVEMBER 28 THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THEY ATTACH TO DETENTE WITH THE
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US. CONCERNING SOUTH ASIA, SINGH EXPLAINED THAT THERE HAS BEEN MUCH DISCUSSION ABOUT PAKISTAN AND THE NEED TO PRESERVE PAKISTAN'S INTEGRITY. ON THE ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY PACT WHICH THE USSR HAS ADVOCATED, THE RUSSIANS HAVE SHOWN GREAT CONCERN FOR INDIAN "SENSITIVITIES" AND HAVE NOT RAISED THE SUBJECT. SINGH SAID FOUR DOCUMENTS WOULD BE SIGNED: A CONSULAR CONVENTION, A LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AGREEMENT, AND SHIPPING AND FISHERIES AGREEMENTS. (SECRET) NEW DELHI 13844, 11/28 (EXDIS).

5. FRG HOPES TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA

A GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED EMBASSY BONN THAT A RECENT FRG NOTE TO THE CZECHS PROPOSING A SOLUTION TO THE OUTSTANDING BERLIN LEGAL ASSISTANCE

PROBLEM HAS BROUGHT A GENERALLY POSITIVE RESPONSE. THE FRG IS HOPEFUL THAT BRANDT AND SCHEEL WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO PRAGUE ON DECEMBER 12 TO SIGN A TREATY ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IF THIS SCENARIO HOLDS, A FINAL ROUND OF TALKS WITH HUNGARY AND BULGARIA WILL FOLLOW, WITH RELATIONS BEING ESTABLISHED BY THE END OF THE YEAR. EMBASSY BONN COMMENTS THAT THE REPORTED SOLUTION TO THE BERLIN PROBLEM SEEMS TO REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT FRG CONCESSION TO THE HARD SOVIET POSITION. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 17156, 11/28. KISSINGER

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